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SECRET 0341 JUN 67.

SUBJ: (U) ALERT STATUS YUGOSLAV ARMED FORCES.

REF: [REDACTED] MSG 0342 JUN 67.

1. FOLLOWING REPORT COVERS INDICATIONS THAT YUGOSLAV ARMED FORCES ON OR ABOUT 5 JUNE 1967 WERE PUT ON LOW-LEVEL ALERT STATUS. ALERT BEST DESCRIBED AS ONE STAGE ABOVE NORMAL PEACE-TIME ROUTINE BUT LESS STRINGENT THAN WARTIME ALERT STATUS.

[REDACTED] PERSONNEL AND EACH INDICATION

SEPARATELY EVALUATED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.

2. INDICATIONS.

A. ALL INSTALLATIONS PUT ON QUOTE FIRST ALERT UNQUOTE STATUS (EVAL B2).

B. NAVAL SHIPS REMAIN AT REGULAR BASES. HIGHER STAGE ALERT STATUS WOULD REQUIRE THAT THEY DISPERSE TO SMALLER BASES (EVAL B2).

C. ALL LEAVE CANCELLED. THOSE ON LEAVE ORDERED TO REPORT WITHOUT DELAY TO PARENT ORGANIZATIONS. PERSONNEL GRANTED NO LIBERTY PERIOD 5 TO 12 JUNE, ONLY FEW GRANTED LIBERTY SINCE 12 JUNE (EVAL F3).

D. RESERVE OFFICERS AND NCOS SCHEDULED FOR 20-30 DAYS ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING DURING SUMMER 1967 DIRECTED TO REPORT FOR TRAINING DUTY BY MID-JUNE VICE NORMAL DATE IN EARLY JULY. HOWEVER, NO RESERVISTS CALLED UP WHO WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY SLATED FOR TRAINING DUTY THIS YEAR (EVAL B3).

E. SOME OFFICES IN DEFENSE SECRETARIAT WORKING LATE NIGHT HOURS, PARTICULARLY IN BUILDING HOUSING GENERAL STAFF (EVAL B2).

F. INCREASED BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN WITHIN ARMED FORCES, OSTENSIBLY TO SEND PLASMA TO ARAB COUNTRIES, BUT IN FACT TO

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AUGMENT YUGOSLAV STOCKS (EVAL B2) FOR BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED IN PUBLIC PRESS; EVAL FOR PURPOSE OF INTENSIFIED PROGRAM, [REDACTED]

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G. LONG HAUL TRUCK DRIVERS FROM WESTERN EUROPE REPORT SEEING MILITARY CONVOYS OF UP TO 20 VEHICLES ESCORTED BY MILITARY POLICE ON BELGRADE - ZAGREB HIGHWAY LATE AT NIGHT. IN ALL CASES TO DATE, MILITARY VEHICLES HAVE BEEN CARRYING MATERIEL NOT TROOPS (EVAL [REDACTED])

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H. TROOP MOVEMENTS OF UNDETERMINED SIZE FROM 1ST ARMY (BELGRADE) REGION TO AREAS NEAR GREEK AND ALBANIAN FRONTIERS (EVAL [REDACTED])

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J. SEE REF MSG.

3. COMMENT. ALERT STATUS YUGOSLAV ARMED FORCES COINCIDES WITH OUTBREAK HOSTILITIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES. NO INDICATION YET AVAILABLE WHETHER ALERT WILL CONTINUE AND, IF SO, FOR WHAT PERIOD. SPECULATION THAT ARMED FORCES PUT ON LOW LEVEL ALERT AS A ROUTINE MEASURE TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTENSIFIED YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF ARAB STATES. NOTE THAT ALERT WENT INTO EFFECT SAME DAY TITO ISSUED STRONG STATEMENT CONDEMNING ISRAELI QUOTE AGGRESSION UNQUOTE AND PROMISING TO SUPPORT ARAB POSITION.

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